

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure, we can understand proportions and amounts but both types of arguments are being waged. On the one hand the percentage is mentioned, then on the other hand the actual number of dollars is mentioned and tied in with Sunday racing to show that the number of dollars will be the same so we are either going to have to deal with percentages all the way through or actual dollars all the way through but it becomes impossible because we have two ideas that are now being considered as a result of the committee amendment which would not have been involved without the committee amendment. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR CONWAY: Right. The amendment, in essence, applies the special provisions that I had designed for the two small tracks to literally apply to the entire industry.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the bill in its original form were to be adopted with the movement from 5 million to 7 and 1/2 million exemption for these small tracks, would that take a lesser amount of money from the state overall whether you figure dollars, percentage, or whatever, than the amount which would be taken with the committee amendments?

SENATOR CONWAY: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would be less?

SENATOR CONWAY: Sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I am not after Senator Conway's little tracks at this point. I am going to withdraw my amendment and limit my opposition to the committee amendment. I think that is what I am going to do but I have got to explain what I had in mind under my amendment before I withdraw it. If you are really viewing all of racing throughout the state as an industry, forget that it involves gambling, and you are trying to keep certain interest in this industry by putting them on a more equitable footing, all things being considered, then maybe what Senator Conway has asked is not unreasonable and it might not be that difficult to support. But when you have a proposition brought in to help the struggling and the anemic, then the Arnold Schwarzeneggers of the racing industry are going to jump in and say, I need the same thing. We are being asked to swallow something that I think we ought to think twice about doing. Ak-Sar-Ben does not